

Membership

The North Carolina Prescribed Fire Council, Inc. is exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the IRS code (effective June 16, 2010). The Council operates under a budget that includes income from membership dues.

Membership benefits include:

- support of the NC Prescribed Fire Council's mission
- eligibility to vote
- eligibility to hold office
- eligibility to receive awards
- reduced meeting registration fees
- quarterly newsletters
- distribution list announcements
- awareness of policy and other issues related to prescribed fire
- opportunity for interaction with the prescribed burning community

Annual membership is \$10 and covers the period from August 1st through July 31st. A lifetime "Spark" membership can be purchased at any time for \$100. The Council is qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers, or gifts.

You may join online:

<http://ncprescribedfirecouncil.org/membership.html>

Alternatively, you may also complete the form and mail with your check to:

North Carolina Prescribed Fire Council
P.O. Box 37434
Raleigh, NC 27627

Membership Form

Name: _____

Title: _____

Employer: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Annual Dues
(August 1, 2011- July 31, 2012): \$ 10 _____

OR

Lifetime "Spark" Membership Dues \$100 _____

Participation

You can play a key role in keeping prescribed fire as a management tool by joining the North Carolina Prescribed Fire Council and actively participating in achieving the Council's goals and objectives. Membership in the Council is open to anyone interested in promoting the safe use of prescribed fire as a land management tool. Members are encouraged to attend the Council's annual meeting and actively participate in the various Council committees.

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What is the North Carolina Prescribed Fire Council?

Mission: to foster cooperation among all parties in North Carolina with an interest or stake in prescribed fire.

The North Carolina Prescribed Fire Council brings together natural resource professionals, public and private land managers, and others who support the use of prescribed fire to cooperatively:

- Promote public education about the benefits of prescribed fire.
- Advocate for the ability to use prescribed fire as a land management tool now and in the future.
- Increase expertise in prescribed fire by sharing technical and biological information.
- Promote safety, training, and research in the art and science of prescribed fire.
- Review prescribed fire practices, regulations, and policies and suggest improvements.
- Promote best management practices that minimize smoke and air quality impacts from prescribed fires.



Prescribed Fire Benefits

Prescribed burning is the controlled application of fire to achieve specific objectives.

- Prescribed fire promotes plant and animal species diversity, ecosystem health, and helps control invasive species and insect pests.
- Prescribed fire can be used to improve wildlife habitat, manage competing vegetation, enhance appearance, improve access and perpetuate fire-dependent plants and wildlife.
- Other tools used to control undergrowth, such as herbicides or machinery, can be more expensive and provide fewer benefits to native plants and animals.
- Prescribed Fire reduces buildup of vegetative fuels which can lead to uncontrolled wildfire.
- Prescribed burned forests offer open vistas, more wildflowers, better access, and fewer chiggers and ticks.

North Carolina:

A Fire Dependent State

Most of North Carolina's ecosystems require periodic fire for maintenance, increased productivity, and good health. From the mountains to the coast, North Carolina's forests have been changed and sustained by fire for thousands of years.

Structure and Business

Council Officers and Board members meet quarterly to lead and conduct the business of the Council according to its bylaws. Educational meetings are held each August for the membership and any other interested parties. A committee structure supports the Council's goals and objectives.

Strategic Planning

The North Carolina Prescribed Fire Council has started down an exciting path. The Council has begun the process of developing a "Strategic Plan." The 5 to 10 year plan will help shape the Council's vision, committee structure, as well as goals and objectives. The plan will be broken down into 3 major sections. The "Forward/Vision" will document the history of the Council and provide insight into the role of prescribed fire in North Carolina in the future. The "Goals" section will give broad guidance to help move the Council towards the vision. And finally under each goal will be several "Objectives." These objectives will fine tune the general goal statements and be specific and achievable.